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Construction Productivity Advancement Research

A revolutionary program to help the U.S. construction industry improve productivity and regain its competitive edge nationally and internationally was begun in 1989 under the direction of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works). The Construction Productivity Advancement Research (CPAR) Program is a cost-shared partnership among the Corps of Engineers and the U.S. construction industry, state and local governments, academic institutions, and other groups to facilitate research, development, and application of advanced technologies through cooperative research and development, field demonstrations, licensing agreements, and other forms of commercialization and technology transfer. Two important new Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRDA) for microtunneling and horizontal directional drilling are highlighted in this issue.

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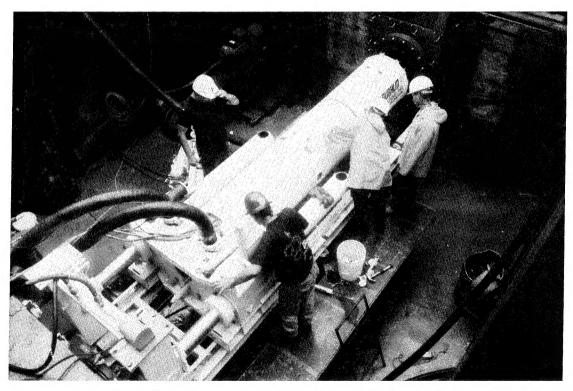
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Fail-Safe, Retrievable Microtunneling

Industry and laboratory partners have signed a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRDA) to demonstrate, evaluate, and gain commercial acceptance of an innovative, fail-safe, retrievable microtunneling system that is ideally suited for environmental restoration and other critical projects where surface access is severely limited (drives under highways, airport runways, or railroad tracks). Features that set this microtunneling system apart include the versatility to handle practically any ground conditions by the use of temporary high strength steel pipes during the jacking process, a reamer system that allows the installation of a variety of product pipe diameters, and a provision for successful retraction in the event

that unexpected conditions are encountered. This particular method has been successfully demonstrated in Europe. The U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES) has teamed up with McLaughlin Manufacturing Company, Greenville, SC, and Markham & Company, Ltd., Chesterfield, England, to evaluate the performance of the system under a variety of known, controlled ground conditions at WES's extensively instrumented Trenchless Technology Test Facility. The results are expected to provide U.S. owners, designers, and contractors the justification and documentation they need to specify and use the system in the United States.



Microtunneling system undergoing evaluation at WES' Trenchless Technology Test Facility

Horizontal Directional Drilling Beneath Levees

The U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station has teamed with O'Donnell Associates, Inc., Sugar Land, TX, to develop guidelines for installing pipelines beneath rivers and within levee rights-ofway using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) techniques. The Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRDA) is expected to demonstrate that these techniques offer substantial economic and operational advantages over current practices. A two phase program is designed to investigate hydraulic forces, determine the effect of the drilling fluid, establish techniques for eliminating undesirable fluid returns, and develop guide specifications. The first phase includes development of a conceptual model to evaluate machine-ground interaction and stability problems using numerical modeling methods. Various ground conditions, geometries, and machine operational characteristics will be considered. Findings are to be validated during the second phase where subsurface pressures will be monitored during actual drilling beneath inactive levee sections. Industry participation will be derived from individual pipeline and utility companies who have expressed an interest, and industry associations that include the American Gas Association's Pipeline Research Committee (AGA-PRC), the Gas Research Institute (GRI), the Directional Crossing Contractor's Association (DCCA), and the North American Society for Trenchless Technology (NASTT). The elimination of features normally required in constuction and maintenance of levee and adjacent road crossings (bridges, concrete boxes. earthen cover, and ramps) is expected to save the pipeline industry millions of dollars.

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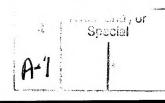
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TR GL-94-13	04/94	Archaeological Geophysics Investigation of the Wright Brothers 1910 Hanger Site: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio	A279955
TR GL-94-14	05/94	Geomorphic and Sedimentation Investigation of the 15 June 1991 Eruption of Mt. Pinatubo, The Philippines	A280960
TR GL-94-16	05/94	Post Eruption Hydrology and Hydraulics of Mt. Pinatubo, The Philippines	A281068
TR GL-94-17	04/94	Force Projection Site Investigation Using the Electric Cone Penetrometer (ECP) and the Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP)	A282441
TR GL-94-23	08/94	A Waterborne Seismic Reflection Survey of the Inner Bar Channel and Anchorage Basin, Galveston, Texas	
TR GL-94-25	08/94	Automated Transportation Network Extraction Techniques from Digital Multispectral Imagery	
TR GL-94-28	08/94	A Waterborne Seismic Reflection Survey of Three Tributaries in Boston Harbor, MA	
TR GL-94-29	08/94	Normalization and Prediction of Geotechnical Properties Using the Cone Penetrometer Test (CPT)	
MP GL-93-19	08/93	Proceedings, Workshop on Prediction of Groundwater Flow into Deep Tunnels and Excavations	A270529
MP GL-94-18	05/94	Installation of Vertical Strip Drains to Increase Storage Capacity of Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area	A282682
MP GL-94-28	07/94	Case Study: Leaking Groundwater Monitor Well Casing	A283316
REMR-GT-16	11/93	Redevelopment of Relief Wells, Upper Wood River Drainage and Levee District, Madison County, Illinois	A273845
DRP-94-1	04/94	Hydraulically Transported Clay Balls	A280413
DRP-94-3	06/94	Descriptors for Granular Bottom Sediments to be Dredged	

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